

Florence, New Jersey
September 6, 2006

The Florence Township Council held a regular meeting on the above date in the Municipal Complex, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey.

Council President Fratinardo apologized for the delay in beginning the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Fratinardo at 8:20 PM. President Fratinardo led the Salute to the Flag.

Council President Fratinardo announced that Ordinance No. 2006-24 is being HELD this evening. It may be introduced at next week's meeting.

The following statement was read by the Township Clerk: "Notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice was published in the Burlington County Times on January 8, 2006; given to the Register News for information. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board."

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

John Fratinardo, President
Frank Baldorossi
Bruce Garganio
Elizabeth Ryan
Jerry Sandusky

Also present:

Mayor Michael Muchowski; Richard Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas Sahol, Assistant Municipal Administrator; Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer; William John Kearns, Jr., Township Solicitor; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

MINUTES

Garganio made a MOTION; seconded by Sandusky to approve the following minutes. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

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| Regular Session | August 16, 2006 |
| Executive Session | August 9, 2006 |
| Closed Session | August 16, 2006 |

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Ryan; seconded by Baldorossi to receive and file the Chief of Police's report and the Township Clerk's report for August. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Ryan made a MOTION; seconded by Baldorossi to approve the Treasurer's Bill List. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing at this time.

APPLICATIONS

A. Transient Merchant License: Pete's Pizza (request for extension and waiver)

It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by Garganio to approve the above applications:

On the Question

Council Member Garganio questioned the status of the site standards? Administrator Brook met with the applicant and they will be submitting a plan to the Planning Board for approval. The application should be submitted in September and if so, they will appear before the Planning Board at the October 16th meeting. Council in agreement to extend to October 18th to allow them to take action after the Planning Board meeting.

Ryan made a MOTION to amend her original motion to incorporate extending to October 18, 2006, seconded by Garganio.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Timish, E. Second Street, asked what the township planned to do regarding illegal immigration? He knows it is not a problem in the community yet but would like the township to be prepared. Administrator Brook explained that the township has not looked into it significantly because we have not experienced the problems other municipalities have. Florence Township does have a Rental Ordinance and a Resale Inspection Ordinance. This means when someone moves out of a home and someone moves in, the township requires that it be inspected. Also, the number of people living in the unit is verified. The township has not experienced the serious problems other communities have; therefore, at this point the township has not looked to enact a law as other municipalities have. Mr. Timish stated that a lot of homes are going up and there is going to be some low income housing, it is unknown what that we bring. He believes the township should be prepared ahead of time, unlike another municipality in the County. Administrator Brook believes that community became overwhelmed, which occurred over a long number of years. He stated that there will be some affordable housing and the income level is not as low as most would think. Administrator Brook does not believe the township will face the problem of illegal immigration.

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Mr. Timish questioned industry hiring illegal immigrants? Council Member Ryan stated that there are federal laws on the books prohibiting the hiring of illegal immigrants; the problem is enforcement.

Council Member Garganio believes that the municipalities that have passed Ordinances will begin to see lawsuits and as it runs through the system there will be case law to follow.

Richard Lotter, 3 Walnut Court, thanked Administrator Brook, Assistant Administrator Sahol and everyone involved for following up on the concerns he raised at the August 9th meeting regarding parking in Walnut Court. Some issues still need to be resolved. He thanked everyone for his or her time and effort.

Mr. Lotter congratulated and complimented the township on the beautiful new municipal complex sign.

Mark Waladkewics, 2046 Old York Road, questioned what was happening with the Roebbing Steel Mill site in regards to taxes? He is not for giving tax breaks to developers; he is looking for tax breaks for the residents. He likes Florence Township; he likes living here and does not want to be forced out. Council President Fratinardo responded that Mayor, Council and Administration are taking that into consideration and working to get the best for Florence Township. He explained that Mayor Muchowski, Council Member Garganio and Administrator Brook have been working very hard with the developer. There are some questions that came up and they want to make sure they get the best for Florence Township.

Scott Stone, 72 Riverbank Drive, has basically the same concerns as Mr. Waladkewics as far as ratables and keeping taxes down. He would also like to stay in the township. He is hoping that something is done with the site to keep ratables down. Council President Fratinardo stated that is what they are trying to do.

All residents having an opportunity to be heard, MOTION by Garganio; seconded by Ryan to close the public portion of the meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-159

**AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SALE OF TOWNSHIP
OWNED PROPERTY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-160

**A RESOLUTION FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS
AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE FOR 2006**

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-161

REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-162

**APPROVE AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH
CINGULAR WIRELESS
WATER TOWER LOCATED ON CEDAR LANE**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan that Resolutions 2006-159 through 2006-162 be approved.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carries.

ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2006-21
(2nd Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN
OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**

Administrator Brook explained that the municipality is required every year to enact a Salary Ordinance for non-union employees, which is primarily administrative staff and department heads. This is usually done after the Budget is introduced and adopted.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to approve Ordinance No. 2006-21 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

Council President Fratinardo opened the meeting to the public for comments at this time.

No public comments.

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Garganio to close the public hearing. All ayes – motion carried.

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On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCE 2006-22

(2nd Reading)

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AMENDING
CHAPTER 126 – STREETS AND SIDEWALKS OF THE FLORENCE
TOWNSHIP CODE TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE PROHIBITING THE CASTING
OF SNOW INTO THE PUBLIC STREETS**

Assistant Administrator Sahol explained that this Ordinance sets forth a policy that prohibits residents from placing snow from their private properties onto the roadways or sidewalks.

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Sandusky to approve Ordinance No. 2006-22 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

Council President Fratinardo opened the meeting to the public for comments at this time.

No public comments.

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Sandusky to close the public hearing. All ayes – motion carried.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

**ORDINANCE 2006-23
(1st Reading)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
ADOPTING AN OFFICIAL TOWNSHIP SEAL**

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to approve Ordinance No. 2006-23 on first reading and set adoption for September 20, 2006.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Nothing at this time.

Mayor Muchowski

- Nothing at this time.

Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Assistant Administrator

- Assistant Administrator Sahol provided in the packet a memo regarding **Shared Services** and how the township could save tax dollars through cooperative purchasing and shared services. He asked if there were any questions? Council Member Ryan stated that she does not have any questions but would like to discuss further at a future Worksession.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, reported that it looks good that the high school, as well as all of the **schools**, will **open as scheduled**, September 11th.

Council Member Garganio questioned the letter from Mr. Hemingway regarding **drainage** from the **new school site**? Mr. Guzzi explained that the contractor pumped out the basin to do some final grading and pumped it out onto Mr. Hemingway's property.

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The project manager has been informed that is unacceptable. Mr. Guzzi stated that there still are some punch list items to be completed on the basin but they should not be pumping it out in the direction of Mr. Hemingway's property.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Sandusky noticed that the Police Department hung up some “**School Open Soon**” signs but with the last storm a lot of the signs are missing. He asked if they could be reinstalled. Administrator Brook will follow up.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing at this time.

8:40 PM MOTION by Garganio, seconded by Sandusky to adjourn to Closed Session. Action may follow Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

8:40 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER
Township Clerk

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Note: No action taken following Closed Session.